IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) Aerator for a plumbing fixture, ~~especially for a washstand, water basin, or tub,~~ said plumbing fixture comprising a water outlet (2), with an aerator (4), through which water flows, which is pivotally mounted via a swiveling mechanism~~, particularly a joint,~~ and which is removably fixed to a forward outlet end of the water outlet, ~~characterized in that~~ the pivotable aerator (4) is mounted within an outer ring (5), which is fixed~~, especially screwed,~~ in the outlet end.

2. (Currently amended) Aerator according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein an outer side of the aerator (4) is partially spherical and is mounted pivotably with the outer side in the outer ring (5).

3. (Currently amended) Aerator for a plumbing fixture~~, especially for a washstand, water basin, or tub, said plumbing fixture comprising a water outlet (2), with an aerator (4), through which water flows, which is pivotally mounted via a swiveling mechanism, particularly a joint, and which is removably fixed to a forward outlet end of the water outlet, especially~~ according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the aerator (4) is mounted completely or at least partially within a ball or spherical segment (6) of the swiveling mechanism which comprises a ball-and-socket joint and [[that]] the outer ring (5), in which the ball/spherical segment is mounted, is fixed~~, especially screwed,~~ in the outlet end.

4. (Currently amended) Aerator according to ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the outer ring (5) has an external thread with dimensions that corresponds to typical aerators.

5. (Currently amended) Aerator according to ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the external thread of the aerator has standard dimensions of M24 x 1 or M28 x 1.

6. (Currently amended) Aerator according to claim 3, wherein ~~claim 1 or 2, characterized in that~~ the ball (6) is formed by a spherical segment.

7. (Currently amended) Aerator according to claim 3, wherein ~~one of claims 3 to 6, characterized in that~~ the ball/spherical segment (6) is penetrated by a cylindrical channel, in which the aerator (4) is placed.

8. (Currently amended) Aerator according to claim 3, wherein ~~one of claims 3 to 7, characterized in that~~ the ball/spherical segment (6) is mounted pivotably within the outer ring (5).

9. (Currently amended) Aerator according to claim 8, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the swiveling mechanism on a side facing the outlet end has a sealing ring (10), which lies between an inside of the outer ring and an outside of the spherical segment or an outside of the aerator.

10. (Currently amended) Aerator according to claim 1, wherein ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ a cylindrical, ~~especially~~ bushing-shaped region (12) is formed on the water outlet side on the spherical segment (6).

11. (Currently amended) Aerator according to claim 10, wherein ~~one of the~~

~~preceding claims, characterized in that~~ a channel wall of the outer ring (5) is shaped so that it expands outwardly~~, especially conically,~~ forming an expanding channel wall region (7) and the bushing-shaped region (12) of the ball/spherical segment (6) comes to lie on the expanding channel wall region (7).

12. (Currently amended) Aerator according to claim 1, wherein ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ the outer ring (5) with an external thread can be screwed into an internal thread of the forward end of the water outlet (2).

13. (Currently amended) Aerator according to claim 9, wherein ~~one of claims 9 to 12, characterized in that~~ the sealing ring (10) contacts a region, especially a step, in an interior of the water outlet (2) when the outer ring (5) is screwed into the water outlet and in this way is compressed.

14. (Currently amended) Aerator according to claim 7, wherein ~~one of claims 3 to 13, characterized in that~~ the aerator (4) can be screwed into the channel of the ball/spherical segment (6).

15. (Currently amended) Aerator according to claim 3, wherein ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ an inner side of the outer ring (5) forms a concave bearing for the ball/spherical segment (6).

16. (Currently amended) Aerator according to claim 3, wherein ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that an especially~~ a cylindrical or partially cylindrical section (15), which is placed in a correspondingly shaped recess (16) of the ball (6) or of the outer ring (5), projects on an outer side of the aerator (4) as a bearing.